Purchase of items by patients at AIIMS

1681. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that patients undergoing surgery treatment in AIIMS are being asked to purchase certain items from the market even though they are available with AIIMS;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that poor patients are not asked to purchase any item for hospitalisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) In AIIMS, New Delhi, patients attending emergency/casualty are provided with all surgical consumables including the items IV fluids, bandages, etc. No patients attending the casualty/emergency is asked to buy any surgical consumable items from the market. The patients admitted in the general wards are issued surgical items like injection, syringes and gauge, intravenous drips from the hospital. All essential surgical items are provided to the patients requiring emergency surgical treatment. In addition, high cost anti-biotics and nutrition supplements etc. are also procured and given to the poor indigent patients. Surgical consumable required for various elective surgical procedures including Joint replacement surgeries, cochlear implants etc., the patients are required to buy requisite surgical consumables themselves. For cardio-thoracic and neuro surgical procedures, AIIMS has a package system which includes the cost of surgical consumables used in surgical procedure. Patients who can not afford to buy medicines and surgical items are also helped through National Illness Assistance Fund and more like Prime Minister's Relief Fund, Health Minister's Discretionary Grant and other philanthropist organizations.

New hospitals in Punjab and Rajasthan

1682. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to set up more new hospitals in the States of Rajasthan and Punjab during the next two or three years;

(b) if so, by when and at what places; and

(c) if not, how Government propose to tackle with the Health problems of the fast growing population in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, it is the responsibility of respective State Government to set up hospitals in the States keeping in view their priority and availability of resources.

However, the Central Government proposes to set up an AIIMS like institute at Jodhpur (Rajasthan) under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Yojana.

Awareness for small family among less educated villagers

1683. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to take new initiatives in-order to promote the cause of small family;

(b) what is being done to continue awareness to have small family among the less educated villagers all over the country and with what results; and

(c) what incentives/facilities are being given to the couples having one or two children and what incentives are given to those having larger families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes Sir, a proposal to launch the National Rural Health Mission, is under the consideration of the Government to increase access of people to comprehensive integrated healthcare services, including quality Family Welfare services.

(b) Messages are being disseminated regularly through Doordarshan, All India Radio and folk programmes. Counselling for family welfare services is being promoted through field level functionaries, Zila Saksharata Samitis,